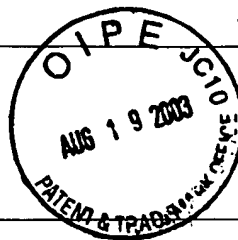


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In re application of:

Attorney Docket No.: CISC794

CHARLES S. ROBERSON

Examiner: TIMOTHY L. LEE

Application No.: 09/533,421

Group Art Unit: 2697

Filed: March 22, 2000

Date: August 15, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE OPERATION OF FLEXIBLE CROSS-CONNECT SYSTEM

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | <u>17</u> - | <u>18</u> | <u>0</u> | X9 = \$ | OR | X18 = \$ |
| INDEP CLAIMS | <u>5</u> - | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | X42 = \$ | OR | X84 = \$168.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$168.00 |

- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1652 (Order No. CISC794).
- ☒ Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$168.00 to cover the additional claim fees.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1652 (Order No. CISC794).

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 30, 2003, the three-month period for response which extends through August 30, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks..

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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